

SALE OF OLD BACHELORS.

I dream'd a dream, in the midst of my slumbers,
And as fast as I dream'd, it was come into numbers;
My thoughts can sing in such beautiful metre,—
I'm sure I never saw any poetry sweeter.
It seemed that a hand had been recently made
That a tax on old bachelors' pates should be laid;
And in order to make them all willing to marry,
The tax was as large as a man could well carry.
The bachelors groaned, and said 't were no use—
'T was horrid injustice and horrid abuse!—
And declared, that to save their own hearts blood from
Or such a vile tax they could never pay a shilling.
But the rulers determined their skill to pursue,—
So they set the old bachelors up at *endure*;
A crick was sent through the town to and fro,
To rattle his bell and his trumpet to blow,—
And to call out to all he might meet in the way,
"Ho! forty old bachelors sold here to-day."
And presents, all the old maids of the town,
Each in her very best bonnet and gown,
From thirty to sixty, fair, plain, red and pale,
Or every description, all flocked to the sale.
The auctioneer then in his labors began,
And called out aloud, as he held up a man,
"How much for a bachelor—who wants to buy?"—
In a twink every maid responded—"1—1!"
In short, at a hugely extravagant price;
And forty old maidens—some younger, some older,
Each begged an old bachelor home on her shoulder.

From the New-Yorker.

OH! WOULD I WERE A BIRD.

B.Y.C.G. EASTMAN.

Oh! would I were a bird—how soon,
I'd fly to thee, mine own,
And by thy side, forget the cares
That all my life hath known.
My heart hath mourned, a mateless dove,
From three so many a week—
My head is leaning on my hand,
The tears are on my cheek.
Oh! would I were a bird—how soon,
Upon thy faithful breast,
My spirit's sad and drooping wing
Should told itself to rest;
Thy gentle hand should smooth its plumes,
So weak with toil and pain,
And bid it fare with tender flight,
The chilling winds again.

"Solomon says that 'he who maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent,' and again: 'He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.' Perhaps no other proverbs uttered by the wisest of men are verified with more unvarying certainty than these. Occurrences in this community have been ripe with illustrations of their unerring truth. Diligent, honest industry, with prudence in the gratification of our passions, must either beget riches, or what is as good, *contentment*. But when a man becomes disengaged with his lot, inhibits a thirst for riches and bends all his energies and ingenuity to their speedy attainment, he is apt to become careless about the *means* to which he resorts. He enters upon the pursuit of his all-absorbing object like the *boy in chase* of the butterfly; with eye intent on the guided flutterer, curveting about in its zigzag course, he heds not where he treads—anon he stumbles into a ditch, and away goes the painedly, leaving his purser to recover from his misadventure and the mortifying reflections upon his folly in the best way he can.

The ordination of Heaven is that man must labor for his support; and it is not easy to contents this ordinance, and set it at naught. Great speculations may bring riches in a day; but those same riches may take wings to themselves and fly away ere the close of that day. The fortunate result of one speculation, in nine cases out of ten, but stimulates the passion for riches, and tempts to further adventures. Rich-fighted argosies may continue to fill the coffers of the adventurer; may fill them fifty-fold beyond what should have sated a prudent man—and yet an unseen event may sweep away all his gains in the last speculation he designed to hazard. The pitcher may return unbroken ninety-nine times from the well, and yet be broken on the hundredth.

When we look around us and see the poverty, guilt and misery which so often comes of inordinate ambition to be rich, we are ready to exclaim with the poet:

Content alone can make us great,
Content is riches, honor, all beside.
She, ho! his thousand kingdoms, still is poor,
That for another crown does weep;
Tis only he is rich that wishes for no more."

WOMEN'S OPINION. Women are slower to change their opinions than men, exactly because they are adopted on less consideration. Men's opinions are founded on reason, and if you convince their reason, the opinion goes with it; but women's are founded in feeling, and therefore part of themselves, and not easy to change. Men derive theirs from without, woman from within. With our sex they are adopted children; with the other, their own.

PRETTY WOMEN. Of all other views, a man may in time grow tired, but in the countenance of woman there is a variety which sets all weariness at defiance. The divine right of beauty, says Junius, is the only divine right an Englishman can acknowledge, and a pretty woman the only tyrant he is not authorized to resist.

RECEIPT TO MAKE LIGHT CORN BREAD. Stir four parts of meal into three parts of tepid water, add one large tea-spoonful of salt, let it rise five or six hours; then stir it up with the hand, and beat it in a brisk over. Another method is to make mush, and before it gets cold, stir in a half pint of meal. Let it rise and bake as the first.

BRANDY AND SALT. The *Comic Almanack* gives the following as a testimonial of the efficacy by one of the grateful patients, of that extraordinary and universal physician.—

"Sir—I take the liberty of addressing yew about the brandy sawt. I was afflicted with dread fullness of spirits & reumatism with having freely applied the salve has both dispensed. sir my way of applying is the sawt outside wons a day & the brandy inside twice every ovr. its self is sometimes really asthonish. my wife also takes the above Medisin in her tea, and finds grte benefits.—surr yewr Most obedient.

TUMMUS SPOONEY.

P. S. sir a neyher of min Tride the abur on his wife bears. Bad skalded a killing a pig but unluckly forgot to put in the sawt—owever it was awl very wel, for the brandy alone Cured his wife and now he's got the sawt to Cure his bakan."

NEWSPAPERS. The ints lectio i spring into which every body dips his bucket, while few thank the fountain for its supply.

PROPOSALS for carrying the Mails of the United States from the 1st of July, 1841, to the 30th June, 1845, inclusive, in Vermont, will be received at the Contract Office of the Post Office Department, in the city of Washington, until 3 o'clock p. m. of the 10th day of April, 1841, (to be decided by the 24th day of said April,) on the routes and in the manner and time herein specified, to wit:

VERMONT.

301 From Montpelier, by Berlin, Williamstown, Brookfield, Randolph and East Bethel, every other day, and from Montpelier, by Barre, South Barre, East Williamstown, East Brookfield, East Randolph and East Bethel, every other day, and thence by Royalton, East Barnard and Woodstock, to Windsor, 64 miles and back daily in four horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every day at 10 a.m., arrive at Royalton same day by 4 p.m., and at Windsor by 10 p.m.

Leave Windsor every day at 5 a.m., arrive at Royalton same day by 11 a.m., and at Montpelier by 6 p.m.

Proposals are invited to leave Windsor at 1 a.m., and arrive at Royalton same day by 7 a.m., and at Montpelier by 2 p.m.

320 From St. Albans, by Highgate, Franklin and West Berkshire, to East Berkshir, 27 miles once a week, and to return by East Sheldon, Sheldon to Richford, 28 miles and back once a week.

Leave St. Albans every Monday at 8 a.m., arrive at Richford same day by 6 p.m.

Leave Richford every Tuesday at 6 a.m., arrive at St. Albans same day by 4 p.m.

Leave St. Albans every Friday at 9 a.m., arrive at East Berkshire same day by 6 p.m.

Leave East Berkshire every Saturday at 6 a.m., arrive at St. Albans same day by 3 p.m.

322 From St. Albans, to Swanton, 8 miles and back twice a week.

Leave St. Albans every Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m., arrive at Swanton same day by 4 p.m.

Leave Swanton every Thursday and Saturday at 11 a.m., arrive at St. Albans same day by 8 p.m.

Leave Royalton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 4 a.m., arrive at Hanover same days by 3 p.m.

Leave Hanover every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m., arrive at Montpelier same days by 8 p.m.

303 From Montpelier, by Barre, Orange, West Topsham, East Corinth, Bradford, South Newbury and Newbury to Haverhill N. H. 48 miles and back three times a week in four horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 a.m., arrive at Haverhill same days by 8 p.m.

Leave Haverhill every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m., arrive at Montpelier same days by 5 p.m.

304 From Montpelier, by North Montpelier, Plainfield, Marshfield and Cabot to Danville, 30 miles and back three times a week in four horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1 p.m., arrive at Danville same days by 8 p.m.

Leave Danville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 a.m., arrive at Montpelier same days by 12 m.

305 From Montpelier, by Calais, Woodbury, Lamoille, Hardwick, Greensboro and Glover to Barton, 42 miles and back twice a week in two horse coaches, one trip to run by East Calais to Woodbury.

Leave Montpelier every Wednesday and Friday at 3 a.m., arrive at Barton same days by 2 p.m.

Leave Barton every Thursday and Saturday at 9 a.m., arrive at Montpelier same days by 8 p.m.

Proposals to commence route at Waterbury and return by Waterbury Centre, Stow, and Morrisville, to Wolcott, will be considered.

327 From Troy, by North Troy, to Richford, 25 miles and back once a week.

Leave Troy every Thursday at 6 a.m., arrive at Richford every Wednesday at 9 a.m., arrive at 10 p.m.

Leave Middlebury every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m., arrive at Kenee next days by 10 p.m.

Leave Keene every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 p.m., arrive at Middlebury next days by 12 night.

Leave Derby Line every Tuesday and Saturday at 8 a.m., arrive at Elmore same days by 7 p.m.

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Leave Elmore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m., arrive at Middlebury next days by 10 p.m.

Leave Derby Line every Tuesday and Saturday at 8 a.m., arrive at Elmore same days by 7 p.m.

Proposals for extending route to Royalton, five miles further—also for running by daylight each way in 9 hours if route ends at Kenee, or 10 if at Royalton, will be considered.

329 From Lyndon, by Burke, Newark, East Charleston, West Charleston, and Salem, to Derby, 33 miles and back twice a week in two horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 a.m., arrive at Kenee same days by 10 p.m.

Leave Barton every Tuesday and Friday at 3 p.m., arrive at Haverhill same days by 7 p.m.

Proposals to carry on horse will be considered.

330 From Montpelier, by Middlesex, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Granville to Hanover, 33 miles and back twice a week in two horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 a.m., arrive at Hanover same days by 10 p.m.

Leave Barton every Tuesday and Friday at 3 p.m., arrive at Haverhill same days by 7 p.m.

Proposals to carry on horse will be considered.

331 From Montpelier, by Northfield, East Roxbury, Snowville, Brattleboro, and Barnard to Rutland, 40 miles and back daily in four horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every day at 7 p.m., arrive at Rutland next day by 4 a.m.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 a.m., arrive at Rutland same days by 12 m.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 p.m., arrive at Rutland same days by 8 p.m.

Proposals to carry on horse in longer time will be considered.

332 From Montpelier, by Worcester, Elmira, Morrisville, Hydepark, Johnson, Waterbury, East Fairfield and Fairfield to St. Albans, 61 miles and back twice a week in two horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every Monday and Friday at 4 a.m., arrive at St. Albans next days by 10 a.m.

Leave St. Albans every Tuesday and Saturday at 2 p.m., arrive at Montpelier next day by 3 p.m.

Leave Montpelier every day at 7 p.m., arrive at Rutland next day by 4 a.m.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 p.m., arrive at Rutland same days by 8 p.m.

Proposals to carry on horse will be considered.

333 From Montpelier, by St. Johnsbury, East St. Johnsbury, Concord and Lunenburgh to Lancaster, N. H. 20 miles and back twice a week in two horse coaches.

Leave Montpelier every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4 a.m., arrive at Lancaster same days by 12 m.

Leave Lancaster every Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p.m., arrive at St. Johnsbury same days by 8 p.m.

Proposals to carry on horse in longer time will be considered.

334 From Littleton, N. H. by Waterford, Vt. Lower Waterford, St. Johnsbury, Danville, Walden, Hardwick, and Greenborough, to Craftsbury, 48 miles and back twice a week in two horse coaches.

Leave Littleton every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 p.m., arrive at Waterford same days by 12 m.

Leave Waterford every Thursday at 8 a.m., arrive at Derby same day by 7 p.m.

Leave Derby every Friday at 6 a.m., arrive at Lyndon same day by 6 p.m.

Leave Richford every Wednesday at 9 a.m., arrive at 10 p.m.

Leave Middlebury every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m., arrive at Richford same days by 12 m.

Leave Richford every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 5 p.m., arrive at Middlebury same days by 8 p.m.

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